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SUBJ: ALGIERS NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE AND SOMALI IRREDENTIST
CLAIMS

REF: MOGADISCIO 1297

SUMMARY: AS REPORTED HERE, PRESIDENT SIAD AT ALGIERS NON-
ALIGNED CONFERENCE WAS FAIRLY CAUTIOUS ON TERRITORIAL DIS-
PUTE WITH ETHIOPIA. HE DID, HOWEVER, CALL FOR "LIBERATION"
OF FRENCH TFAI.

1. NO COMPLETE TEXT OF PRESIDENT SIAD'S ADDRESS TO ALGIERS
NAC AVAILABLE HERE, ONLY THREE-PAGE SUMMARY BY OFFICIALS NEWS
AGENCY. IN CLEAR REFERENCE TO ETHIOPIA, SIAD "REGRETS THAT
THERE ARE SOME MEMBER STATES WHO HAVE ORGANIZED THEMSELVES
INTO MILITARY BLOCS IN COOPERATION WITH IMPERIALIST FORCES,
THEREBY VIOLATING THE VERY PRINCIPLES WHICH THE ORGANIZATION
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STANDS FOR" SIAD ALSO NOTED "THERE ARE A NUMBER OF
STATES WITH ABUNDANT ECONOMIC RESOURCES AND MILITARY POTENTIAL

WHOSE POLICY HAS ALWAYS BEEN AND STILL IS TO COLLABORATE WITH IMPERIALIST FORCES IN ORDER TO WAGE WAR OF AGGRESSION AGAINST SMALLER PROGRESSIVE STATES."

2. ACCORDING LOCAL PRESS SIAD ALSO LISTED FRENCH SOMALILAND AT HEAD OF TERRITORIES FOR WHICH NAC COUNTRIES SHOULD SUPPORT LIBERATION GROUPS IN THEIR "LEGITIMATE STRUGGLE AGAINST COLONIAL OPPRESSION AND RACISM FOR THE LIBERATION OF THEIR COUNTRIES."

3. SOMALI PRESS NOTED THAT SIAD MET BILATERALLY WITH GOWON AND REPS OF SEVEN OTHER MEMBERS OF OAU GOOD OFFICES COMMITTEE. NO MENTION OF ANY SIAD MEETING WITH HIM (ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR HAS NO INFO THAT THE TWO LEADERS MET EITHER PRIVATELY OR WITH OAU COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT).

4. PAKISTANI AMBASSADOR TELLS US HE BELIEVES SOMALIS IN FACT RESTRAINED LIBYANS WHO TRIED TO CONTINUE ANTI-ETHIOPIAN BLASTS WHICH THEY HAD MOUNTED AT ADDIS OAU SUMMIT.

5. COMMENT: ALL IN ALL, SIAD'S PUBLIC PERFORMANCE AT ALGIERS WAS PRETTY RESTRAINED. HE DID NOT TAKE A HIGH-POWERED DELEGATION; HIS EFFORTS SEEM TO HAVE FOCUSED ON PRIVATE ARGUMENTATION TO INDIVIDUAL LEADERS OF 8-MAN OAU COMMITTEE. CROMWELL

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